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Serial No. :	:	10/604,487
Filed: July 25, 2003	:	IBM Corporation
	:	Dept. 18G/Bldg, 300-482
Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS OF	:	2070 Route 52
ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE	:	Hopewell Junction, NY
AREA	:	12533-6531

Amendment after Final Rejection

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Sir:

The following amendment is submitted in response to the final office action dated September 22, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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